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Pumpsets for irrigation purposes

* 684 *Q.*—Sri M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many private pumpsets for irrigation purposes are now operating in the State;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any representations to the effect that these pumpsets used for irrigation purposes exhaust and incidentally dry up all other sources of water in the neighbourhood of the lands where they are operating; and

(*c*) if so, what action the Government propose to take in the matter?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) 31,685.

" (*b*) No.

" (*c*) Does not arise."

Sri M. S. MOGRAL :—" Are the Government aware that as a result of the diversion of irrigation water to new areca gardens at a higher level, the fields lower down have actually suffered for want of water? If so, what steps the Government are going to take in the matter? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice in the matter."

Life and teachings of Sri Narayana Guru

* 685 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar, M.L.A., in September 1954, that the life and teachings of Sri Narayana Guru should be included in the curricula of our schools; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The matter will be considered by the Text-Book Committee."

Floods in Mannargudi and Tiruturaipundi

* 686 *Q.*—Sri C. KANDASAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of damage caused by floods in October 1954 in Mannargudi and Tiruthuraipundi taluks of Tanjore district;

(*b*) the relief measures undertaken by the Government; and

(*c*) what action the Government propose to take to control such floods in future?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) Due to the unprecedented heavy rains in October 1954, the following damages were caused in Mannargudi and Tiruthuraipundi taluks of the Tanjore district :—

—	Mannargudi taluk.	Thiruthuraipundi taluk.
(1)	(2)	(3)
Irrigation works breached.	5	14
Crops affected	1,000·00 acres (roughly).	1,537,924 acres.
Huts damaged	550	1,288
Cattle lost	200	3

Breaches occurred in the following Highways roads :—

(1) Mannargudi-Tanjore (via) Vaduvur.

(2) Mannargudi-Pattukottai.

(3) Tiruturaipundi-Nagapattinam.

" (*b*) The fields affected by floods are being inspected and remission of assessment and water-charge will be granted in all deserving cases.

All the irrigation works have been repaired and steps are being taken to strengthen the breached portions.

For the persons who lost their huts, a sum of Rs. 4,200 in Mannargudi taluk and a sum of Rs. 4,509 in Tiruturaipundi taluk have been allotted from the Cyclone Relief Fund and the Collector's discretionary grant of which Rs. 2,964 in Mannargudi taluk and Rs. 3,628 in Tiruturaipundi taluk have been so far disbursed. Eighteen and a half bags of rice donated by some philanthrophic mirasdars in Mannargudi taluk were distributed to the distressed people immediately after the floods. Sarees, dhoties, shirtings and towels valued at Rs. 3,500 were also distributed to the poor in villages. A sum of rupees 10,000 has also been provided for grant of loans to the mirasdars under the Agriculturists' Loans Act.

Breaches in the roads have been closed already.

" (*c*) Though no works to control floods as such have been undertaken, the Government have carried out 19 schemes intended to relieve drainage submersion in the Cauvery delta."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" மன்னார்குடி தாலூகாவில் சென்ற வருஷம் வெள்ளத்தால் ஆடு மாடுகள் சேதமடைந்ததாக கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். அவ்வாறு பாதிக்கப்பட்ட விவசாயிகளுக்கு பிரத்யேக கடன் கொடுப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் உத்திரவிடுவார்களா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" The loans were given generally. It is the look-out of the man who borrows as how best to spend it."

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SRI C. KANDASAMY :—" இம்மாதிரியாக வெள்ளத்தால் உடைப்புகள் தொடர்ந்து பல வருஷங்களாக ஏற்பட்டு வருகின்றன. அதற்குக் காரணம் ஆற்றின் கரைகள் தாழ்ந்திருப்பதால் இவ்விதமான வெள்ளம் ஏற்படுகின்றன. அநேகமாக ஒவ்வொரு தடவையும் ஓரளவுக்கு பாதிக்க கூடியதாயிருக்கிறது. ஆதலால் வடிகால் திட்டங்களை ஏற்படுத்தி வெகு சீக்கிரம் நிலைமையை மாற்றுவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் முன்வருமா?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" That is why the Government have undertaken 19 schemes intended to relieve the drainage submersion in the Cauvery delta."

Veterinary and Livestock Inspectors

11-40 a.m. * 687 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the services of Veterinary and Livestock Inspectors have not been regularized from their dates of appointment;

(*b*) whether regularization has been ordered only from 11th August 1951;

(*c*) whether the increments have been paid to them in some districts but not in other districts;

(*d*) how many Veterinary and Livestock Inspectors were appointed before 11th August 1951;

(*e*) the period of probation prescribed for those referred to in (*d*); and

(*f*) how many of these employees have completed their probation and (i) declared as having completed their probation and (ii) not yet so declared?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The *ad hoc* rules for the post of Veterinary and Livestock Inspectors sanctioned in 1950 were issued on 11th August 1951 and their services were regularized from the date on which the rules were issued.

" (*c*) Increments when due have been paid to them without any distinction as to the districts in which they serve.

" (*d*) Thirty-four Veterinary and Livestock Inspectors were appointed before 11th August 1951, in the State.

" (*e*) The period of probation for a Veterinary and Livestock Inspector is 2 years on duty within a continuous period of three years.

" (*f*) Only 2 Veterinary and Livestock Inspectors have been declared to have completed their probation and 16 are yet to be declared as having completed probation provided their conduct and work are reported to be satisfactory. The others have not yet passed the prescribed departmental tests."